745 of this insurance is wider than in most other countries. The costs are met by the insured themselves, by the employers, the communes and the State. Premiums continue until the sixty-fifth year. Disability pensions are granted to persons found to be permanently incapable of work, old age pensions to people over 65. These pensions are much too low to meet ordinary living expenses, but they are a welcome addition to the pension a person usually has from his former employer after retirement. While still at work, the employees are protected by different kinds of insurance, as indicated in Subparagraph 1m.

746 Needy groups in the society are well protected. The welfare boards in the communes are obliged to take care of the destitute, minors lacking legal providers, and all other persons unable

•746 for some reason to provide for themselves. Some are assisted in their homes, and some are placed in communal homes and workhouses. In 1947 the number of people receiving poor aid was distributed as follows:

Men	31, 141
Women	53, 607
Children	21, 354
Total	106, 102

Special attention is paid to the care of children. There are child welfare boards in every locality whose duty it is to organize the advisory services necessary for the welfare and training of children and to assist private institutions within the communal area. They also are responsible for maintaining health nurses and maternity and child welfare stations.

000 Maternity aid, usually in kind, is paid to each